

Holy Spirit Catholic Community

Frequently asked Questions

When will the Mass change begin?

The Mass changed effective the first day of Advent which is November 27th, 2011.

When do children receive 1st Reconciliation?

Usually when they are in 2nd grade and have attended religious education classes for at least one year.

When can I receive the sacrament of reconciliation?

Saturday afternoons at 3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room along the left wall inside the church. Communal reconciliation services are celebrated during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Check bulletin or www.HolySpiritNaperville.org for dates and times.

Do you have childcare during weekend Masses?

The Childcare center is available for children 6 months to age 4 during the Masses: Saturday 4:15 - 6 pm (with co-op) and Sunday 7:45 am - 1:30 pm (with co-op).

A reservation for your child is NOT needed for the weekend Mass. Nursery space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Two trained nursery staff who have completed a background check and Protecting God's Children workshop are always in the nursery. Assigned co-op families assist the nursery staff for all weekend Masses and provide additional help. Parents using the nursery during weekend liturgies are kindly asked to participate in the Nursery Co-op with the commitment of assisting in the nursery for approximately one Mass every 3 to 4 months.

How do I register for Religious Education?

Registered parishioners interested in registering for Religious Education may download forms from the [Religious Education page](#). Or, you may contact the Parish Office at 630.922.0081 during business hours and request a copy of the Religious Education form.

Each family chooses their children's class day, time and location based on availability. Every attempt will be made to balance boy/girl ratios in all classes. Full tuition must be submitted at registration time.

New parishioners will receive Religious Education registration forms when they register for the parish.

For more information regarding religious education, contact Kim Knoll at 630.922.0081, ext. 21, or asst.dre@hsc.us

For Confirmation, contact Tony Mravle, coordinator of confirmations, at 630.922.0081, ext. 29 or confirm@hsc.us

For High School Youth Ministry, contact Alex Durbin, coordinator of youth ministry, at 630.922.0081, ext. 32 or hsym@hsc.us

When do Religious Education classes begin?

All Religious Education classes begin the 3rd week of September.

What is involved in preparing a child to celebrate first Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation?

The Diocese of Joliet requires two consecutive year commitment before celebrating a sacrament. Children need to be in a religious formation class for a year and then enter the sacrament year. Their children will also experience a parent-child retreat before the sacrament is celebrated. For further information, you can call Kim Knoll, grades 1-8 assistant, at 630.922.0081, ext. 21.

Will Holy Spirit Catholic Community have a school?

No, however the following quality Catholic Schools are in Naperville and Aurora:

All Saints Catholic Academy, 630-961-6125

Regional Catholic School St. Mary Immaculate (Plainfield), 815-436-2651

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Aurora), 630-851-4400

St. Raphael (Naperville), 630-355-4545

Ss. Peter & Paul (Naperville), 630-355-1081

Is there a preschool program for my child?

While we do not have formal preschool classes, we celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays, and the 8 am and 10 am Masses on Sundays, September through May. This is an opportunity for children ages four through third grade to hear the Scriptures at an age-appropriate level. There are songs and some connected with this program. There is no registration for the program. The children just can leave when the other children leave after the Opening Prayer at Mass.

Why should my child continue in Religious Education after second grade?

Does your child stop attending school after second grade? Of course not! So too, your child needs to continue to learn about the Jesus and the church with age-appropriate materials.

Are the Religious Education classes inclusive – will my child with special needs be included with grade-level students?

Yes, Holy Spirit Catholic Community welcomes and celebrates all people as children of God. For resources and assistance for people with disabilities to be included in Religious Education, ministries and committees, contact Kathy Ford at 630.922.0081, ext. 28.

I am an adult. How do I learn more about the Catholic Church and possibly becoming a member?

People interested in learning about the Catholic Church are invited to the [Catechumenate Process](#).

When is first Eucharist and reconciliation usually celebrated?

Children typically their first Eucharist and reconciliation in the second grade. The Diocese of Joliet requires two consecutive year commitment before celebrating a sacrament. Children need to be in a religious formation class for a year and then enter the sacrament year.

Families of children in other grade levels who have not celebrated first Eucharist or reconciliation should contact the Religious Education office.

The gift for the use of the Church facilities for weddings is \$250.00.